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The President,
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AIRMAIL.

Sir,

I am taking the somewhat unusual step of writing to you direct because the matter in question is one about which I feel very deeply indeed. I refer to the question of the fate of Adolf Eichmann.

I understand from the Local Press that an appeal has been made to you to exercise clemency and mercy after the Accused's conviction. I assume that in applying your mind to this question you will not disregard the feelings and sentiments of millions of Jews throughout the World who have regarded this Trial and conviction as being in some small measure a punishment of those responsible for the cruel and merciless extermination of some six million of our brethren, men, women and children.

When the State of Israel was established I felt it my duty to send my son at the tender age of eighteen (18) to assist in the fight for the establishment of an independent Israel, and my son risked his life in fighting for that in which we both believed.

I can understand that in certain circumstances it is just and equitable that mercy be shown and that there is the question of World opinion to consider. I would however like to voice my opinion that in this case if mercy is shown it will be interpreted as weakness and will make a mockery of the entire proceedings.

The Accused has been found guilty by a competent Court

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and has been sentenced to death.

I would respectfully urge you not to interfere with the decision of that Court and to allow justice to take its course so that the Accused will pay with his life for the crimes which he has committed.

Please believe me when I say that I am prompted to take this unusual step of writing to you only because I feel so deeply about it and because so many of my kith and kin came to an untimely end at the hands of this murderer and others like him.

I have the honour to be.

Yours faithfully,

I. KEMP.